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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I have been looking through the additional information provided by Tritax in response to your consultation letter of September 2024.

As a resident of Sapcote village we are directly affected by the proposed HNRFI, and particularly some of the specific concerns raised by the planning inspectorate. One of the roads particularly affected is Hinckley Road, and I live on this road.

A summary of my feedback regarding the B4669 Hinckley Road/Leicester Road Sapcote issues is as follows:

- There is a proposal to restrict parking on Hinckley Road. Most of the parking is outside a nursery and there is no alternative location for parking. The parking occurs all day, but it is particularly busy at drop off and pick up times with many cars and pre-school children. Stopping parking would significantly affect the business and endanger the children and parents attending the nursery. The village is expanding very rapidly, with many new young families, and the nursery is very busy.
- Narrowing the Hinckley Road/Leicester Road to restrict the number of Lorries coming through Sapcote is poorly thought out. There is no provision for what happens when there are two oncoming vehicles in the narrow part of the road, or for which direction has priority. There is no room for vehicles to wait and this will force a vehicle onto the pavement to avoid a collision.
- These concerns also apply at other roads and junctions through the village including by the thatched cottages on Leicester Road, the houses on Leicester Road coming out of the village (Granitethorpe), and the junction of Sharnford Road, Leicester Road and Grace Road.

A summary of my feedback regarding the proposed changes in the centre of Sapcote, surrounding the Co-Op is as follows:

- Pedestrianising the current bus lay-by outside the Co Op would cause more congestion on the planned narrowed road. At present the Co Op has four parking spaces and one disabled parking bay. Outside the Co Op is the ATM in the village and a parcel drop and collect unit. As such parking at various times of the day pose a challenge as residents and other drivers utilise these facilities. The proposals will force vehicles to park on the junction with Hinckley Road/Leicester Road and Church Street.
- Currently the bus stop outside the Co Op ensure children waiting for the school buses are away from the road on the side outside the Co Op. Moving the bus stop to a narrower part of pavement poses pedestrian congestion at times when there are children waiting for the bus, parents taking their children to the primary school on foot and other residents walking through the village. This will pose a risk of accidents

with vehicles.

- Moving the bus stop into a lay-by has a number of concerns when a bus is in the lay-by it hides the oncoming traffic warning sign to other vehicles.

And finally, a more general concern:

- The plans for HNRFI are being considered in isolation rather than in conjunction with other infrastructure and housing proposals in the area.
- Sapcote is subject to many planning applications within the village, despite having already grown massively in the last 10-15 years. Each application is considered separately as opposed to a consolidated plan.
- There are plans for enormous housing developments on land adjoining the village boundary, effectively turning a group of existing villages into massive urban sprawl.
- All of these items should be considered together with regard to pollution, traffic, unnecessary use of green sites as opposed to brownfield sites, the complete lack of road, drainage and other facilities to accommodate all this development, and the lack of other general facilities in the area including medical facilities, shops etc.

I look forward to hearing our decision on HNRFI in the near future.

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